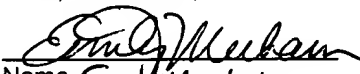


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Sir:

The present amendments and remarks are in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on September 5, 2003, which stemmed from Applicant's preliminary amendments filed with the Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested in view of the following compliant amendments and remarks.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS FOR AMENDMENTS

Please amend the claims in the manner indicated below. In the following amendments, an underline is used to indicate new text, and strikeouts are used to indicate deleted text. Claims 1-50, 95, 99-100, and 106 have been cancelled. The amendments to claims 51-52, 58-60, 65, 73-75, 80-81, 87-89, 94, 101, 103, and 105 are supported by the specification and claims of the original application as filed. Specifically, the amendments to independent claims 51, 65, and 80 are supported by Examples 2 and 3 in the specification as originally filed. Also, claim 94 was amended to include a limitation that the pharmaceutical composition is a sustained-release pharmaceutical composition (as stated in the title), and that the animal or vegetable oil is present at from 3% to 20% by weight of the sustained-release pharmaceutical composition. Furthermore, claims 52, 58-60, 73-75, 81, 101, 103, and 105 were amended for clarification purposes. Accordingly, it is believed that no new matter is added by the following amendments to the claims.